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Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Committee.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Finalization and approval of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition.
4. Consistency within the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition and between that instrument and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto.
5. Consideration of a draft resolution on the adoption of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition for consideration and action by the General Assembly.
6. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its twelfth session.

Annotations

1. Opening of the twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Committee

The twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime will be convened on Monday, 26 February 2001, at 10 a.m.

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2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

At its tenth session, held in Vienna from 17 to 28 July 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee finalized and approved the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. At its eleventh session, held in Vienna from 2 to 28 October 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee finalized the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the Convention. Deliberations on the third additional instrument, against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, were not concluded and the Ad Hoc Committee decided to hold a further session to finalize that instrument. In its resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, in which it adopted the Convention and the two protocols, the General Assembly called upon the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its work in relation to the third protocol and to finalize that work as soon as possible.

The resources available to the Ad Hoc Committee at its twelfth session will permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

3. Finalization and approval of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition

At its first and third sessions, the Ad Hoc Committee carried out a first reading of the draft international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition. At its fifth session, the Ad Hoc Committee carried out a second reading of articles 2-5 and 8 of the draft Protocol. At its seventh session, the Ad Hoc Committee further reviewed articles 2 and 8, carried out a second reading of articles 9-14, 17, 18 and 18 *bis* and deferred discussion of articles 15, 15 *bis*, 16 and 19-24 of the draft Protocol pending the finalization of related text in the draft Convention. At its eleventh session, the Ad Hoc Committee began a final review of the draft Protocol and finalized articles 1, 7, 8, 10-12, 14, 15, 18, 18 *bis* and 21-24. It also agreed to the deletion of articles 6 and 13 and of portions of articles 2, 3 and 5.

Documentation

Revised draft Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/4/Add.2/Rev.6)

Proposals and contributions (A/AC.254/5/Add.40)

Background documents

Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials (A/AC.254/CRP.1)

4. Consistency within the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition and between that instrument and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto

At its tenth session, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to establish a consistency group in order to conduct a review of the consistency in terminology in the six official languages and in structure within each instrument. At its eleventh session, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to ask the consistency group established at its tenth session to perform the same functions with regard to the draft Protocols. The composition of the consistency group was as follows: representatives of Cameroon, Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria and South Africa, appointed by the Group of African States; representatives of China, India, Japan and Jordan, appointed by the Group of Asian and Pacific States; representatives of the Russian Federation and Slovakia, appointed by the Group of Eastern European States; representatives of Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala and Mexico, appointed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and representatives of France, Italy, Spain and the United States of America, appointed by the Group of Western European and Other States. At the eleventh session, the representative of Oman replaced the representative of Jordan. The consistency group was assisted in its work by editors, by translators from the translation section for each official language and by a member of the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee. The consistency group was coordinated by Joel Hernandez (Mexico). The recommendations of the consistency group were accepted by the Ad Hoc Committee with respect to the draft Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and the draft Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and were reflected in the final text of those instruments. Also at the eleventh session, the consistency group reviewed the text of articles of the draft Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, finalized by the Ad Hoc Committee. Following the successful work carried out by the consistency group at the tenth and eleventh sessions, the Ad Hoc Committee may wish to refer this item to the group, subject to approval of its recommendations by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Documentation

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex I)

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex II)

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex III)

5. **Consideration of a draft resolution on the adoption of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition for consideration and action by the General Assembly**

At its tenth and eleventh sessions, the Ad Hoc Committee finalized and approved a draft resolution for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, in which the Assembly would adopt the Convention and the protocols thereto. The Ad Hoc Committee may wish to follow a similar course of action for submission to the Assembly of the draft Protocol against Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition.

6. **Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its twelfth session**

The Ad Hoc Committee is to adopt a report on its twelfth session, the draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur.

Annex

Proposed organization of work of the twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, to be held in Vienna from 26 February to 2 March 2001

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Title or description*
Monday, 26 February	10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	1	Opening of the twelfth session of the Ad Hoc Committee
		2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
		3	Finalization of the additional international legal instrument against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition
Tuesday, 27 February	10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	3	Item 3: continuation
Wednesday, 28 February	10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	3	Item 3: continuation
Thursday, 1 March	10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	3	Item 3: continuation
Friday, 2 March	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Item 3: continuation and conclusion
		4	Consideration of recommendations for consistency of language and order of articles
		5	Consideration of a draft resolution on the adoption of the draft Protocol for consideration and action by the General Assembly
	3-6 p.m.	6	Consideration and adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its twelfth session